

## Today's News - Wednesday, June 1, 2016

- Dreyer parses China's "attempt at the Bilbao Effect" with Harbin's new opera house by "Ma, China's answer to Rem Koolhaas": "the dream of creative rebirth can be a seductive Pied Piper."
- Kolson Hurley takes us on a fascinating tour of midcentury pulp fiction, pop sociology, and psychology about suburbia: "The science may be sounder, but the tone of moral approbation from the 1950s still clings to many polemics against suburban life."
- Lange x 2: Garden Bridge vs. Pier55: "If both have questionable benefits and hidden public costs, why is New York so convinced when London isn't?"
- She compares "the waiting-room mentality of SFMOMA's new lobby with its museum brethren - precious few have managed to transform the free lobby into a genuine art experience."
- Hall Kaplan explains why he opposes LACMA's "audacious plans" to replace its core buildings with Zumthor's "questionable" (and expensive) "biomorphic blob" design.
- A great Q&A with The Rockefeller Foundation's Berkowitz "as the 100 Resilient Cities initiative reaches its namesake goal."
- A round-up of public-sector projects that "reveal an abundance of innovation at work."
- A new office block in a suburb of Melbourne will offer homeless people access to showers "while they sort out their housing problems."
- Eyeful of SHoP's (huge) "maiden Mexican project" in Tijuana.
- Heneghan Peng presents its plans for the Canadian Canoe Museum - a serpentine, single-story building covered with a massive (and accessible) green roof.
- Danes tapped to design a green, hi-tech school in Dubai's The Sustainable City.
- Quirk picks her Biennale faves that "stood out by marrying beautiful design with stimulating, politically urgent content."
- A good reason to head to Phnom Penh next week: the first ever Cambodia Architect & Décor Expo.
- One we couldn't resist (and the best two minutes we've spent in a long time): a five-yea time-lapse video of Calatrava's WTC transit hub construction.
- Five winners take home the ICAA's 2016 Arthur Ross Award.
- Historic Gage Park in Hamilton, Canada, wins the inaugural Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Legacy Project Award.
- Eyeful of the six "innovative, eclectic and creative" winners in the design competition for Boston's Northern Avenue Bridge.
- Call for entries: Lima Art Museum international design competition for a new contemporary art wing (registration deadline is Friday!) + 2017 Droga Architect in Residence - open to architects based outside Australia.

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**China's Attempt at the 'Bilbao Effect':** A curvy new opera house is part of a plan to make Harbin the "Venice of the East": Can cultural infrastructure really offer cities a new lease on life? Enter Ma, China's answer to Rem Koolhaas...the dream of creative rebirth can be a seductive Pied Piper...a full-throated recovery can't be far off, right? By Jacob Dreyer -- Ma Yansong/MAD Architects - CityLab (formerly The Atlantic Cities)

**Welcome to Disturbia:** Why midcentury Americans believed the suburbs were making them sick: Midcentury works of pop sociology and psychology and pulp fiction reveal a great deal....The science may be sounder, but the tone of moral approbation from the 1950s still clings to many polemics against suburban life. By Amanda Kolson Hurley- Curbed

**Garden Bridge v Pier 55:** why do New York and London think so differently? Two cities, one designer and one strategy - to build a privately funded park above a river. If both...have questionable benefits and hidden public costs, why is New York so convinced when London isn't? By Alexandra Lange -- Thomas Heatherwick; Mathews Nielsen- Guardian (UK)

**A Tale of Two Lobbies:** Comparing the waiting-room mentality of SFMOMA's new lobby with its museum brethren: More and more art institutions have the same desire...to offer treats to the public without a fee, but precious few have managed to transform the free lobby into a genuine art experience...If museums truly want their lobbies to be more than event spaces between rentals, they need to prod their architects to shape an experience that can only be had there. By Alexandra Lange -- Snøhetta; Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Joel Sanders Architect; Renzo Piano- Curbed

**Dark Cloud Hovers Over Los Angeles County Museum of Art:** I am opposed to the audacious plans of Michael Govan to replace...core buildings with a biomorphic blob...Aside from the questionable design by Peter Zumthor, is the price tag - now \$600 million, but sure to rise to a billion. By Sam Hall Kaplan- City Observed

**The Rise of Resilience Planning:** As the 100 Resilient Cities initiative reaches its namesake goal, the group's president reflects on challenges and successes thus far: The Rockefeller Foundation funds a chief resilience officer to work full-time within the government of each participating city... By Julian Spector -- Michael Berkowitz; The Rockefeller Foundation- CityLab (formerly The Atlantic Cities)

**Going public:** Six projects from the public sector - from artwork in a hospital to a new primary school - reveal an abundance of innovation at work. -- Jill Bradley; Hawkins\Brown; Sheppard Robson; Avanti Architects; IBI Group; Jestico + Whiles [images]- FX Magazine / DesignCurial

**Rough sleepers to be offered showers at Grocon's planned office block [in Collingwood]:** Homeless people will have access to showers...while they sort out their housing problems...under a partnership with homeless support group Launch Housing. -- John Wardle Architects - Herald Sun (Australia)

**SHoP Architects Begins Work on Bajalta Mixed-Use Development in Tijuana:** Populous will collaborate with the firm on the multifunctional, six-tower urban project...on its maiden Mexican project. [images]- Contract magazine

**New Canadian Canoe Museum design aims to complement Peterborough Lift Lock,** architect tells public meeting: ...museum will be serpentine and covered with a massive green roof that people will be able to access on foot....boaters...will have a bird's-eye view of the museum's roof. -- Heneghan Peng; Kearns Mancini Architects; Foggy River Farm Design [images]- The Peterborough Examiner (Canada)

**Danish architects win Dubai 'green' school project:** ...a hi-tech school...to be an integrated part of The Sustainable City, which consists of townhouses and courtyard villas inspired by the urban fabric and heritage of Dubai's old 'Bastakia' district, a sustainable hotel and resort and an innovation centre. -- CEBRA architecture; SLA [images]- TradeArabia Business News

**Timely, Urban, and Contextual:** The Venice Architecture Biennale's Most Thought-Provoking Pavilions: The best of the pack stood out by marrying beautiful design with stimulating, politically urgent content...Dutch: BLUE: Architecture of UN Peacekeeping Missions; Portuguese: Neighborhood: Where Alvaro Meets Aldo; Rwanda Droneport; German: Making Heimat: Germany, Arrival Country; Across Chinese Cities. By Vanessa Quirk- Metropolis Magazine

**First Expo for Architecture, Design:** ICVeX [and] Cambodian Society of Architects organize the first ever Cambodia Architect & Décor Expo 2016...June 9 to 11 at the Diamond Island Exhibition & Convention Center in Phnom Penh.- KhmerTimes/Sum Manet (Cambodia)

[Watch Time-Lapse of World Trade Center Transportation Hub's Construction:](#) The high definition video was produced by EarthCam founder Brian Cury and features over one million images taken over the nearly five-year-long period stretching from July 2011 to May 2016. -- Santiago Calatrava- New York YIMBY

[2016 Arthur Ross Award Recipients Announced:](#) The five winners received honors [for] architecture, civic design, education, fine art, photography, and stewardship.-- Institute of Classical Architecture and Art (ICAA); Duncan G. Stroik/Institute for Sacred Architecture; Town Architects of Cayalá/Estudio Urbano/Léon Krier; Robert A.M. Stern; Anne Day; Paula Wallace/Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)- Architect Magazine

[Respecting the Past - Ready for the Future: Hamilton's Gage Park Awarded Inaugural CSLA Legacy Project Award:](#) ...the 28 hectare park...aged to a point where restoration and management measures were essential... By Cynthia Graham and Lawrence Stasiuk-- H.B. & L.A. Dunington-Grubb (1920-27); DTAH (Du Toit Alsop Hillier)- Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)

[Here's What the New Northern Avenue Bridge Could Look Like:](#) ...six winners of the design competition...more than 100 innovative, eclectic and creative submissions... -- Boston Society of Architects (BSA); AW Architects; Robert White; Rob Barella; Höweler + Yoon Architecture/Schlaich Bergermann Partner; Kaitlin Moran; MERGE architects [images]- Bostonno (Boston)

[Call for entries: Lima Art Museum \(MALI\) international design competition for a new contemporary art wing;](#) cash prizes; registration deadline: June 3 (submissions due June 30)- Lima Art Museum (Peru)

[Call for entries: 2017 Droga Architect in Residence:](#) open to architects based outside Australia; residents will be hosted in Sydney for 10-12 weeks; deadline: July 10- Australian Institute of Architects Foundation



[Art of Many: The Right to Space: The Danish Pavilion at the 15th Venice Biennale:](#) Arcspace.com is run by the Danish Architecture Centre, commissioner for the Danish pavilion...Q&As with leading practitioners for insight into what's planned... -- Boris Brorman Jensen; Kristoffer Lindhardt Weiss; Esben Danielsen; Nicolai Carlberg/Søren Møller Christensen/carlberg/christensen; Helle Søholt/Gehl Architects

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